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1. A conference of the East Berlin City Government was held at the Neues Stadthaus on Farochialstrasse on 25 February 1954. This conference was attended by Oberbuergermeister Fritz Ebert, his deputies Alfred Neumann and Waldemar Schmidt, the two former Ministers Wandel and Ziller, Prof. Correns of the National Council of the National Front, Valeska Liebchen of the Democratic Women's League, and Hannes Keusch of the Central Council of the FDJ. The conference was mainly concerned with preparations for a European Youth Conference, to be convened in East Berlin for 24 and 25 April 1954. According to statements made by Neumann, the main purpose of this conference was the organization of the fight against the EDC Pact and the discussion of the European Security Fact proposed by Molotov at the Four-Power Conference. Keusche said he expected that the planned youth conference would be attended by 2,000 delegates from all European countries and at least 7,000 guests from West Germany. The West German youth organization "Die Falken" and Christian youth organizations, including some from Vest Germany, had already promised to send representatives. In connection with the youth conference in Eerlin, mass demonstrations are scheduled to be held on the zonal boundaries of this city. The mein slogens for these demonstrations are to be: "EDC Means the Rebirth of Militarism" and "The Armament Race Will Destroy Welfare and Peace". Visitors from West Germany were scheduled to come to Earlin during the Easter period in order to avoid the attention of West Germin authorities.

Alfred Neumann had stated that all preparations for a referendum in the GDR had been postponed until after the IV SED Congress. By the beginning of this congress all hidden enemies of the regime had to be excluded from the ranks of the party. Neumann also indicated that efforts would be initiated to come to some sort of cooperation between the SED and FDGE on the one side and "positive elements" of the OGB in West Ferlin. He also mentioned in this connection the possibility of stirring up discontent among unemployed in West Berlin.

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3. At the conference the problem of transferring money and shirping propaganda material had also been discussed.

Faul Wandel stated that

pro-SED paper might be circulated in East Germany. Wandel also
reported that through the German-Soviet Culture Committee well known
singers, dancers, conductors, painters, and other artists from West
Berlin and West Germany could be invited to the USSR. He also mentioned
that the opening of the "Volksbuehne" and the "Staatsoper" would offer
an opportunity to let West German troupes perform at the "Theater am

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Schiffbauerdamm" and the "Admiralspalaet".

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